

Child Nutrition Weekly Update



It's School Nutrition Employee Week!

Thank you for all you do to nourish the bodies,

You Make A Difference!



*minds and spirits of North
Carolina's most valuable
resource...*

Our Children!




May 7 – 11, 2012 is School Nutrition Employee Week. This is a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people that make the school meals programs a success. Visit the School Nutrition Association website for ideas and tools for recognizing your school nutrition employees at:
http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Level2_SNEW2012.aspx?id=16922.

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USDA Policy Memos

- **SP 10-2012**

Questions & Answers on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs”

The Question & Answers on the final rule the Nutrition Standards Final Rule have been updated with. Those that have attended your regional Policy Update prior to the release of the revised SP 10-2012, please be sure to carefully review it as some of the questions and answers have been revised and new questions have been added.

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- **SP 30-2012**

Grain Requirements for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

This memorandum explains the grains requirements for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and specifically addresses implementation of the ounce equivalencies and definition of whole grain-rich products.


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- **SP 31-2012**

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Questions and Answers Related to the Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program

This memorandum includes questions and answers that provide additional information on the requirements

related to certification and the performance-based reimbursement (6 cents rule).

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Guidance on Prohibition of Separation by Gender in Schools During School Meals

The USDA has issued a Policy Communication clarifying the separation of students by gender during meal/snack service in the Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs. As indicated in the communication, students may not be separated by gender during meal/snack service. If you are aware of a situation where students are being separated, please contact the Section Chief, Child Nutrition Services, and she will work with you to promptly resolve this matter.

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Performance-based Reimbursement (“6 Cents Rule”) Webinars Scheduled

Child Nutrition Services has scheduled three webinars on the Performance-based Reimbursement (“6 Cents Rule”) process and requirements. The webinars have been scheduled as outlined below. If you have not already done so, please register for the webinar of your choice by select the link corresponding to the date and time that you choose to attend.

Thursday, May 10 (3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/158704232>

Friday, May 11 (10:00 am - 11:00 am)

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/347556856>

Friday, May 11 (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/917724441>

Webinar Questions to be Addressed

Questions proposed during Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application and Verification Forms Packet Webinars.

Q&A

Many questions were proposed during the previously held webinars on preparing the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application and Verification Forms packet for approval. Answers were to be printed in a Child Nutrition Weekly Update. Due to the volume of questions as well as the nature of the questions (eligibility, direct certification and verification) we have decided to take a different approach.

Our plan is to conduct a Free and Reduced Webinar to address eligibility, direct certification and verification. You will be notified of the webinar in an upcoming Child Nutrition Weekly Update. If you have questions that pertain to the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application and Verification Forms PACKET, please contact Pam Sheets at 919-807-3509 or pamela.sheets@dpi.nc.gov.

Grant Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the Action for Healthy Kids grant has been extended to **May 18, 2012**. Please review the attached communication distributed by an Action for Healthy Kids representative for details about the grant and the new deadline.

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FF&VP Selection Process for SY 2012-2013 Update

The selection process is well underway for NC's elementary schools that will be chosen to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2012-2013. The North Carolina State Board of Education will "approve" the school selections at their **June 2012** meeting *instead* of their May 2012 meeting as originally scheduled. As a result, schools that applied will be notified in writing if they were selected, or not, by mid-June 2012 instead of mid-May 2012. If your district had a school(s) to apply, thank you for making a note of this and sharing the update with school administrators and others. If anyone has any concerns regarding the schedule change, please e-mail Zoe McKay-Tucker at zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov for assistance.

Farm to School Grants

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) established a Farm to School program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. To fulfill the farm to school mandate in the HHFKA, effective October 1, 2012, \$5 million will be provided to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on an annual basis to support grants, technical assistance, and the Federal administrative costs related to USDA's farm to school program.

For contacts information, additional details about the Farm to School program or if you are interested in apply for a grant please review the program summary sheet and or you may visit the USDA website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/> .

Important Dates and Deadlines

- April 17, 2012: Request for Applications Released
- May 18, 2012: (Suggested) Letter of Intent Deadline
- June 15, 2012: Proposals Due
- (Pending the Availability of Federal Funds) Shortly after October 1, 2012: Awards Announced and

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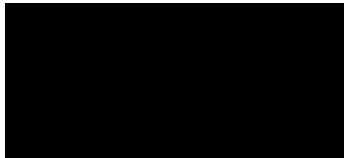
Rachael Ray's Yum-o! Healthy School Meal Contest

Presented by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, School Nutrition Association and the Yum-o organization!

DEADLINE: June 15, 2012

CALLING ALL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS!

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is searching for your innovative, delicious, healthy school lunches. We know you work hard every day to put together healthy and delicious school meals for your students. So send in your best healthy tray – including meat/meat alternative, bread/grain, vegetables and fruit – and get the chance to win a trip to New York City to watch a taping of the Rachael Ray show and to be featured in School Nutrition Magazine.



The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, the School Nutrition Association and Rachael Ray's *Yum-o!* organization are a few of your biggest supporters and are joining efforts to shine the spotlight on creative meals from school nutrition professionals like you all across the country.

Be creative and give us your best. This is no time to be shy. Meals will be judged on nutrition, appeal to students, ease of replication in schools and presentation.

All submissions must be on the Alliance for a Healthier Generation website, www.healthiergeneration.org by **June 15, 2012**.

Michelle Owens

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A flyer promoting this contest is attached for your convenience.

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Mark Your Calendar

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| May 7-11..... | School Nutrition Employee Week |
| May 10 (Thursday)..... | Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due |
| May 14..... | NC Procurement Alliance Member Meeting/Bid Opening |
| May 15 (Tuesday)..... | Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due |
| May 28..... | Memorial Day (Holiday – State offices closed) |
| May 7-11..... | School Nutrition Employee Week |
| June 10 (Tuesday) | Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due |
| TBA | Deadline for Submission of 2012-13 Agreement Renewal |
| June 20-22 | NC School Nutrition Association Conference |
| July 10 | Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due |
| July 15-18 | SNA Annual National Conference (Denver, CO) |

TRAINING

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| May 10..... | Webinar – Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Pattern Requirements ("6 cents rule) 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm |
| May 11..... | Webinar – Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Pattern Requirements ("6 cents rule) 10:00 am – 11:00 am & 1:00 – 2:00 pm |

**** REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10th with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.